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Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated August 1, 2006 for which a three month extension request is being filed herewith to extend the period for response from November 1, 2006 to February 1, 2007.

The following listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.